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19.	Punjab	6.35	5.75
20.	Rajasthan	13.74	19.85
21.	Sikkim	40.04	7.47
22.	Tamil Nadu	20.55	22.11
23.	Tripura	40.04	7.47
24.	Uttar Pradesh	31.22	30.89
25.	West Bengal	31.85	14.86
26.	A. & N Island	20.55	22.11
27.	Chandigarh	5.75	5.75
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	17.57	13.52
29.	Daman & Diu	1.35	7.52
30.	Delhi	0.40	9.42
31.	Lakshadweep	9.38	2027
32.	Pondicherry	20.55	22.11
	ALL INDIA:	27.09	23.62

Note.

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura
2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu & Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir
4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island
5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli
7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.
8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep

NHAI strategy to combat HIV/AIDS

1310. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether alongwith building good quality roads, NHAI is working out a strategy to combat HIV/AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, the details of this initiative;

(c) whether the NHAI proposes to cover 65,000 km. roads with the specific objective to prevent this menace along the stretches and spread awareness about this disease; and

(d) if so, the details of these stretches including those which are passing through Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken initiative to combat menace of HIV/ AIDS on projects funded by World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

NHAI is implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign through Non-Govemmental Organizations (NGOs) alongwith National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) as part of their loan commitments. Accordingly, the NHAI has set up a HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Unit with experts and implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along NH-2 (Delhi-Kolkata) and NH-28 (Lucknow-Muzaffarpur) through World Bank Loan. Further, it is proposed to implement HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along North-South Corridor [NH-26 and NH-7 (Lalitpur to Anantpur-Andhra Pradesh/Kamataka Border)] and East-West Corridor [NH-76 and NH-25 (Chittorgarh {Rajasthan}-Orai{Uttar Pradesh})] through ADB Loan. Presently, four NGOs have been awarded contracts for implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along NH-28 (Lucknow-Muzaffarpur).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Accidents on NH-8

1311. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NH No.8 which is a part of Golden Quadrilateral, recorded a total of 140 accidents in June, 2007 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as many as 164 accidents occurred between Delhi and Jaipur in May, 2007; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction in regard to those accidents which have been resulting in the loss of several precious lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Authentic data on the number of accidents is not available in the Ministry since these are reported to the police authorities locally.

(c) To minimize accidents on Highways, various safety features such as divided carriageways, separation of local traffic by provision of service roads, crash barriers, sign markings, delineators, cats eye etc. are provided. Ambulances services at every 50 km. distance (approx.) on completed stretch for carrying accidents victims to the nearest hospital are also being provided by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).